Mountain Weather Forecast

Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart
Forecast valid from 06:00 on Wednesday 21 Jun 2023 until 23:59 on Thursday 22 Jun 2023

Forecast Issued on Wednesday 21 Jun 2023 at 02:48 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High confidence for a showery day on Wednesday and a drier more settled day on Thursday but a strong signal for windier conditions towards the end of the week and the weekend, likely to remain below gale. Low confidence for the chance of rain for eastern parts of Scotland towards the weekend.

Headline for Wednesday 21 Jun 2023: A bright and dry start, becoming showery particularly in the east, drier in the evening.

Mountain weather hazards on Wednesday 21 Jun 2023

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Gales
No Likelihood

Severe chill effect
No Likelihood

Poor visibility
No Likelihood

Thunderstorms
Low Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Strong sunlight
Medium Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m					
Time					
06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Sunny intervals	Sunny intervals	Light rain showers	Light rain showers	Sunny intervals	Sunny intervals
Precipitation probability					
10%	20%	30%	40%	10%	<05%

Forecast for Wednesday 21 Jun 2023

Weather: A dry and bright early morning with sunny spells. Showers will soon develop this morning, mainly light at first but by lunchtime a few heavier showers are likely especially in the east. There is a risk of thunder and hail in heavier showers especially further east. Showers tending to die out during the evening to leave clear spells and some late sunshine.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 90%, patchy lower cloud developing around heavier showers.

Low cloud and visibility: Perhaps some early morning mist but otherwise cloud bases are expected to be above the summits but may lower to around 600m in heavier showers in the afternoon. Likewise the good visibility is likely to deteriorate during the afternoon around showers, perhaps poor for a time in a heavy shower.

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Forecast for Wednesday 21 Jun 2023

Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph) Wind Direction (blowing from)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	19/22 SW	19/25 SW	21/28 W	24/32 SW	23/30 W	19/25 W	19/24 SW
900	17/21 SW	19/25 SW	20/27 W	23/31 SW	23/30 W	18/24 W	17/23 SW
600	13/17 SW	15/21 SW	16/22 W	18/26 SW	18/25 W	13/19 W	12/18 SW
300	3/15 SW	6/19 SW	7/23 W	8/25 W	8/24 W	6/19 W	4/17 SW
Glen	4/10 SW	8/15 SW	11/20 W	14/25 W	12/22 W	9/16 W	5/13 SW

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	8/4	8/4	8/4	8/3	7/3	6/2	6/1
900	9/5	9/5	9/5	9/4	8/4	7/3	7/2
600	11/9	12/9	12/9	11/8	11/8	10/7	9/6
300	14/14	14/14	15/14	15/14	14/12	12/11	11/11
Glen	16/16	16/16	17/15	17/14	16/14	15/13	14/13
Freezing Level*	2400m	2300m	2200m	1900m	2000m	2000m	1800m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Brisk southwesterly or westerly winds at height, winds will be gusty around any heavy showers. Feeling quite chilly later on the summits.

Forecast for Thursday 22 Jun 2023
Weather: A chillier night than of late with some mist and fog patches by the morning. A dry and bright day with one or two mainly light showers but remaining dry for many areas. Plenty of sunshine and feeling a little cooler or fresher than of late.

Maximum wind: Westerly 15-20mph.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 95%, patchy early cloud around some higher summits.

Low cloud and visibility: Any cloud above the summits clearing and very good or excellent visibility expected.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 8 rising to 19 Celsius.
At 800m: Plus 3 rising to 12 Celsius.
Freezing level: Above all summits.

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